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TAGS: PINS, GR

SUBJECT: PENDING EXPULSION OF DAVID TONGE

1. ATHENS NEWS REPORTED JULY 10 THAT EXPULSION IMMINENT OF TIME STRINGER DAVID TONGE, WHO ALSO IS CORRESPONDENT FOR GUARDIAN, OBSERVER, BBC AND IS BRITISH CITIZEN, AND DUTCH RADIO AND TV CORRESPONDENT ALBERT COERANT. NO SPECIFIC GROUNDS FOR ACTION GIVEN, COERANT WAS PREVIOUSLY EXPELLED IN 1973 FOR REPORTING ON GREEK STUDENT SCENE.

2. GOG PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICIAL DURING VISIT TO USIS PRESS OFFICER JULY 12 WAS MADE AWARE OF EMBASSY'S CONCERN ON BASIS OF TONGE'S ASSOCIATION WITH TIME. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR ALSO INDICATED EMBASSY'S CONCERN IN TELEPHONE CALL COVERING SEVERAL SUBJECTS TO MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICER.

3. MFA WAS NOT BRIEFED ON EXPULSION ORDER AND UNDERSECRETARY OF PRESS AND INFORMATION KARAKOSTAS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REMARK JULY 11 TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, WHICH HE

PROBABLY INTENDED AS OFF RECORD AND WHICH ONLY NEWS REPORTED, SAID DECISION WAS TAKEN BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES WITHOUT CONSULTATION HIS OFFICE AND HE WOULD SEEK TO HAVE EXPULSION REVOKED.

4. BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN FAREWELL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN.

5. MFA CONTACT INFORMED EMBASSY LATER THAT " IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED" TO STAY TONGE'S EXPULSION. MFA OFFICER DID NOT KNOW STATUS OF COERANT. TONGE HIMSELF IS NOT SO SANGUINE SINCE HE HAS YET TO BE TOLD OFFICIALLY THAT ORDER HAS BEEN RESCINDED. TASCA

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